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TITLE OF INVENTION: SOLVENT EXTRACTION OF LIPIDS SUCH AS ESSENTIAL FATTY ACIDS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/597,466	CHANDLER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	YATE' K. CUTLIFF	1621	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to December 22, 2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4 and 6-11.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Yate' K. Cutliff/
Assistant Examiner
Art Unit 1621

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. None of the prior art extraction process teach or suggest the solvent extraction process for the extraction of lipids and fatty acids from *Perna Canaliculus* solids, where the solvent is selected from the group consisting of acetone, hexane and ethyl acetate and the solvent is removed from a mixture of dissolved lipids and solvent by nanofiltration, then the remaining solvent is removed from the concentration formed by nanofiltration. The process obtains high levels of polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) of C20:5 and C22:6, as depicted in Tables 1 and 2. The process is conducted at or below ambient temperature.

The closest prior art references are McFarlane (US 4,455,298), Beaudoin (US 6,800,299) and in Macrides (WO 97/09992).

In McFarlane ('298) the process takes the dry mussel extract (Seatone®) and extracts lipids with ethyl acetate without filtration; and the solvent is dried before evaporation which generally requires heat. In '298 there is no disclosure that there was a desire to obtain fatty acids.

Beaudoin ('299) is a solvent extraction process for marine animals, however, it is mainly used with krill (shrimp) and Calanus (a crustacean type species like krill), and fish. The process discloses that it can use acetone but preferably uses a two step extraction process where acetone is used to dehydrate the animal and ethyl acetate is used to extract the lipid. Additionally, the process of Beaudoin uses heat to remove all

traces of the solvent. Beaudion's chromatography results do not show the amount of fatty acid obtained from their lipid extraction process.

Macrides ('992) is an extraction process that uses supercritical CO₂. The extracts of the Applicant's claimed process were compared to the extracts of the process set out in Macrides (WO 97/09992) at Table 1 in the specification. The process of '992 is currently one of the more widely used processes to extract lipids from *Perna Canaliculus*. Further, the comparison test shows that for Macrides, the resulting lipid extract have a considerably lower percentage of the desired PUFA than the extract of the claimed process. Lastly, the extraction process of '992 is conducted at temperatures of 40°C which is above ambient temperature.

Examiner noted that maintaining the extraction temperature at ambient temperature or below is important and recognized in the art, because high temperatures would degrade the PUFA. (Applicant's [0010]). Further, '299 notes that high temperatures negatively alter the lipids. (page 2, lines 24-23).

Furthermore, none of the above references disclose the use of nanofiltration. Prevost et al. is the only reference that suggests the use of nanofiltration in a process that extracts lipids from animals and plants. However, the filtration is conducted under extraction conditions which require considerable pressure to maintain gaseous propane (solvent) in a liquid form for use as the liquefied solvent. Further, pressurization of the solvent extract is needed to drive the nanofiltration process. (see column 9, lines 8-15).

Modification of the process of '298 with pressurized nanofiltration would not yield a dried solvent extract as required by '298, before the evaporation process. It would only add to the cost of the extraction process of '298.

Kosuage et al. (US 4,801,453) describes Seatone® as powder of dried and ground mussel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YATE' K. CUTLIFF whose telephone number is (571)272-9067. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel M. Sullivan can be reached on (571) 272 - 0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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